



## State Board of Education Request for Freeway School Accreditation

<b>Name of Requesting School:</b>	Trinity Christian School
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<b>Board Date:</b>	September 1, 2010	<b>Grade Span:</b>	K-12
<b>Education Director:</b>	Sharon Ragan	<b>Public or Private:</b>	Private
<b>Location Address:</b>	440 St. Peter Street	<b>Enrollment:</b>	95
<b>City/Town:</b>	Indianapolis	<b>Targeted Student Population:</b>	Christian Students

### Indiana Department of Education Division of Educator Licensing and School Accreditation

The following executive summary has been compiled by the Division of Educator Licensing and School Accreditation for use by the Indiana State Board of Education. It includes information presented by the school during the accreditation process, potential legal standard issues, and any other information collected during the process that may impact accreditation.

#### Summary of Materials Presented to the Board:

1. **Identity** - The 2009-2010 school year marked Trinity's twentieth year as a school. It was also the fourth year to operate a high school. There were 95 students enrolled in kindergarten through grade twelve. The average class size was sixteen students. Students attending Trinity Christian represent a cross-section of families from the Indianapolis area. Many of the students live in the inner-city area surrounding the school, but some come from suburban or rural settings. The majority of students come from blue-collar households. Most of the parents have no college education. Approximately seventy-five percent of the students are from single parent homes or are being raised by someone other than a parent.
2. **Attendance** – Trinity Christian School reports attendance regularly to the Indiana Department of Education. The administration also provides regular reports to the school board and the school community. Evaluations take place at the end of each school year to determine whether or not the school has met goals for improvement.
3. **Graduation** – Trinity Christian School requires the same guidelines for earning an Academic Honors Diploma as public schools in Indiana.
4. **Benchmarks** –
  - a. ISTEP+/ECA
  - b. PSAT
  - c. ACT & SAT
  - d. Graduation Rate
  - e. Attendance Rate
  - f. AP Exam Participation

5. **Staffing – Several** of the staff are licensed to teach in Indiana. There are also several teachers actively pursuing licensing. Those who are not currently licensed have appropriate academic background in their area of instruction.
6. **Waiver Requests:** IC 20-20-5-1 through 20-20-5-4, IC 20-26-12-26, and IC 20-26-12-28. Textbook adoption. In the early grade elementary classes, Christian based textbooks are used. In upper elementary grades through high school, the textbooks are the same as those adopted by Indianapolis Public Schools.

**Issues:** Teacher licensing.

**Recommendations:** It is recommended that Trinity Christian School be granted Freeway Accreditation for five years through September 1, 2015.

**Rationale:** After a school inspection and discussions with school personnel, the staffing at Trinity is similar to that found in other Freeway schools.